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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Inter-American
Affairs, 17 March 1982

1. On 17 March 1982, [] Deputy Director/Office of African and Latin American Analysis/DDI, briefed the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs on the current situation in El Salvador and the assistance being provided by Nicaragua. He was assisted by [] 25X1
MACD/OALAA/DDI, and [] OALAA/DDI. The briefing held in H-236, The Capitol, was at the TOP SECRET/CODEWORD level. Alderson Reporting took the transcript. [] 25X1

2. Chairman Michael D. Barnes (D., MD) was present to open the briefing. He left shortly after learning that the briefing would be the same as he had received from Admiral Inman when he briefed the House Leadership on 15 March. Present from the Subcommittee for all or part of the briefing were: [] 25X1

Gus Yatron (D., PA)
Samuel Gejdenson (D., CT)

Robert Lagomarsino (R., CA)

3. Present from the Subcommittee staff were:

Tom Smeeton

George Berdes

Diane LaVoy, HPSCI staff, and Belden Bell, State, also attended. [] 25X1

4. [] began by presenting a detailed analysis of the Command and Control system employed by the guerrillas. He characterized it as sophisticated and he outlined the guerrilla groups and their areas of operations. He then listed the actions that the guerrillas plan to take to disrupt the 28 March elections. He talked about the guerrilla radio stations and the methods and routes used to get arms to the Salvadoran guerrillas. [] 25X1

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6. In a brief question and answer session, the Members asked about the percent of eligible people who were expected to vote, international observers for the election, and the recent cache of weapons found in San Jose. There were no follow-up items.

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